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(*b*) whether gaugings have been taken to ascertain the quantity of water usually flowing each year; and

(*c*) whether at the time of constructing an aqueduct over the river, such gaugings were not observed?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Gaugings of the river to determine the supply available are in progress.

(*c*) No gauging of the day-to-day flow of the Pillapperu were made while designing the aqueduct as they were not necessary for the purpose. Detailed gaugings are now necessary to know what amount of steady supply can be expected in the river during the irrigation season.

Progress of the Siruvani Irrigation Scheme.

* 303 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the irrigation part of the Siruvani Water-supply Scheme stands;

(*b*) the extent of lands the scheme is intended to irrigate; and

(*c*) whether the scheme will irrigate lands which are now under dry or whether it will add to the existing source of irrigation for wet ayacut?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Three schemes are under consideration of the local officers. They are—

(1) Excavation of a separate channel from the right side of the Chitrachavadi anicut for giving direct irrigation to 1,600 acres of new land;

(2) supplementing the supplies to the existing irrigation under tanks in the Noyyil basin; and

(3) supplementing the supplies to the Ukkulam tank so as to bring under irrigation an additional area of 750 acres.

The local officers are considering the question as to which of the three alternative schemes should be taken up.

Construction of gravel roads on the canal bunds of the Kistna Western division.

* 304 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in some canal bunds in Kistna Western division certain gravel roads, 4 feet wide, are being constructed;

(*b*) if so, what the reasons are for constructing roads only 4 feet wide; and

(*c*) how much money the Government have spent till now in each division in the Bezwada circle on such roads?

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A.—(*a*) No gravel 'roads' are formed on canal bunds; but along the top of one of the banks of a few important channels gravel to a width of 2 to 4 feet is spread.

(*b*) The reasons for spreading gravel are—

(1) to preserve the top of the bank from deterioration,

(2) to facilitate inspection of channels, and

(3) to serve as a good towpath for towing inspecting officers' pinnaces.

It is unnecessary to make wider banks. If the banks were made wider, carts would be taken unauthorizedly by villagers and the banks damaged.

(*c*) Expenditure on this item forms part of the expenditure on special repairs which includes revetment of banks, etc. It is not possible to give separate information as to how much money has been spent on spreading gravel.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether the amount which they are spending for making these gravel paths are not coming from the amounts sanctioned by Government for the repairs of these irrigation channels and therefore the irrigation channels are not being properly repaired by them?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I do not think it follows."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I ask whether the Government are prepared to enquire into the matter and find out whether or not the department has spent over a lakh of rupees in this circle alone for making these gravel roads?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I do not think any advantage would be gained by making such an enquiry."

Land Revenue Administration

Lapse to Government of tasdik allowances due to temples in South Kanara during the last 30 *years.*

* 305 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total of the tasdik due to temple and other religious institutions which have lapsed to the Government within the last 30 years in the district of South Kanara;

(*b*) the number and names of the said institutions and the amount which the said institutions were entitled to get;

(*c*) the reasons why they have lapsed; and

(*d*) the number of institutions to which the said grants of tasdik have been since restored and the amount so paid?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have not the information and it cannot be collected without considerable labour.